

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of May 22, 2006**

- I. ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi, Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Warren Hagy, Mary Comiskey, Bernard Bern, and Gerard Lavarney.

A Public Hearing to review and comment upon Ordinance 2006-1, a proposed revision of Northfield's Town Parking Ordinance, was warned to immediately precede the Selectboard's regular meeting. The ordinance specifically would prohibit weekday parking on either side of Winter Street, Shaw Circle, Stagecoach Road, and Alpine Street between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Chair Wallace called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. He then opened the floor to any member of the public who wished to address the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Bernard Bern spoke to support the ordinance. He feels that it is an excellent response to the parking problem.

As there were not any additional comments, Chair Wallace closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. The regular Selectboard meeting then commenced.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **May 3, 2006 (Special Meeting).** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. One correction: the Selectboard did not call the meeting to order, the Selectboard did not run this meeting. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Demasi abstaining.**
- b. **May 8, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. One amendment: Greg Ward was not listed under Roll Call but was present. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. **Warrant #23-06.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #23-06 in the amount of \$26,394.43. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Johnson abstaining.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. **Ten-Month Financial Statements.** There were no questions on the financial statements. There has been a spending freeze in effect. There was a discussion on whether to pursue two tax issues through litigation. (See below under "Executive Session.")
- b. **Status Reports: Various Projects.** There was nothing additional.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Ordinance 2006-1 (Northfield Center Parking).** Ordinance 2006-1 has to do with parking on Shaw Circle, Winter Street, Stagecoach Road, and Alpine Drive. Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve both the emergency ordinance and regular ordinance. **Motion passed 4-1-0, with Selectman Adams voting in opposition.**

The emergency ordinance will take effect immediately. In sixty (60) days, it will be superceded by the regular ordinance. This was a result of what the people on Winter Street and Shaw Circle wanted. The problem is expected to migrate to other locations.

- b. **Executive Summary: Adams Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 5-0-0.** Selectman Adams would like to see 18" culverts required in the future; perhaps this would mean a policy change.
- c. **Executive Summary: Norwich University Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Chair Wallace abstaining.**
- d. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 - 1. **Merger Committee.** There committee is still working on getting other members. Minutes of the last meeting were in the packets.
 - 2. **Northfield Ambulance Bay.** Lynn Doney has been doing some work and it looks wonderful!
 - 3. **Public Hearing: Work Camp Facility.** The Town Selectmen and Village Trustees will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. on a possibility of Northfield hosting a Vermont Department of Corrections Work Camp Facility. The public is encouraged to attend in person or watch on Trans-Video.

VII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Non-agenda items: none.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter (taxation). **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair to cap the legal expenses for the tax appeals at \$8500. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled meeting.